

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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USING PHENOTYPIC MARKERS

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Examiner: Wendy Haas

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for a two-month extension of time to and including February 24, 2005, in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$225 fee, which is the process fee for a two-month extension of time, and any other required fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11898.0021.NPUS01.

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